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The Trend in Finance

Railroads' Policy of Wage Cuts Focuses Attention on Shrinking Earnings and Induces Selling of Stocks

THE new dilemma of the railroads was dramatized last week by the announcement of important companies in the East and the West that they purposed to find a way out by reducing wages. 'For many weeks the dry statistics have been quietly telling the story of trouble in the field of transportation finances, but the seriousness of the situation All did not impress stock market speculators until the roads themselves no focused attention on the situation by referring to their program for the liquidation of labor.

Railroad executives now feel the need of doing simultaneously three things stocks were at the lowest level touched which they had originally planned to do thus far in 1921. separately. They had hoped first to scrap the national agreements as to for inefficiency. Having eliminated

proportion to the unskilled, it was only Germans to accept the Allied terms. fair to postpone reductions. But inability to get quick action on the preclusion that it is now necessary to put tion of labor at once. The executives estimate that 60 cents out of every dollar they spend goes to labor, and, in the attempt to slash expenditures, they feel that labor must necessarily be ket was rather active last week, the

terpretation among speculators, who was small. hat the unions and the Railroad Labor Board were likely to thwart the de- the month, when heavy shifting of flationist efforts of the railroad man- banking funds will take place in conspeculators for the rise.

assassination in Spain, the market remained listless and inactive until toward the middle of the week, when The paucity of new offerings is the culties of the railroads

origin at first, but it succeeded later in the European developments. causing real liquidation. Some of the selling very evidently was by those in quest of cash with which to pay the first instalment of their Federal taxes to-morrow. By Friday night the averages of both industrial and railroad

Even though the financial markets working conditions which were adopted the failure to reach an agreement last during the régime of the railroad ad- week at the London conference on repministration. The managements of the arations, the event is of real significant roads contend these agreements make cance. It is too early to give a final ure at London, because the outcome of hoped to readjust downward the wages posed by the Allies still remains in of unskilled labor. And then, lastly, doubt. The invasion will hardly be they desired to reduce the compensa- likely to help the economic position tion in dollars of skilled workers, but of the Allies much, unless it serves as felt that, since theirs had not risen in an argument that will convince the

The more discerning bankers recognized that a failure to agree on reparaliminary program as a result of the at- tions might mean an indefinite pr titude of the men and the force of longation of the factors of uncertainty shrinking earnings has driven the directing minds of the roads to the con- European trade and finance. The view through the entire scheme of liquida- that any agreement in the matter of fixing Germany's war bill would come to Europe as the zephyrs of spring.

affected. Other parts of the economy net change was not so large as might policy involve deferment of new con- have been expected under the circumstruction, a hand-to-mouth policy in stances. The announcement on Monregard to purchase of equipment, coal day that the Allies had arrived at a conservation, better loading and other decision to advance the military occupation of Germany had a depressing Of course, if the railroads should influence Tuesday and demand ster escape from the present vise of high ling dropped sharply, but recovered to costs and shrinking income by means some extent before the end of the day. of wage cuts the result will be favor- The upward movement was continued able in a strictly financial sense. How- Wednesday and Thursday, but quotaever, the focussing of attention on the tions were slightly easier Friday and plight of roads received a bearish in- the net change at the end of the week

The proximity of the middle of

agers. The heavy selling toward the nection with the Federal tax payments agers. The heavy close of the week of railroad atocks and United States Treasury operarepresented selling by those who pre- tions, has failed to cause any marked ferred to be out of the market during change in the money market so far as the critical period of adjustment that surface conditions go. The Wall looms ahead, as well as heavy short Street credit mart has remained staselling and liquidation by disappointed bilized during the last week, with rates at 7 per cent for call loans. Commercial borrowers continued to par-The concentration of attention on the 7% to 8 per cent for accommodation. marked degree to which the railroads The turnover of banking funds on are failing to earn the 6 per cent on March 15 will run into large figures, their property valuation which the although the total transactions will transportation act of 1920 describes as not be as huge as on December 15, the a fair return accomplished in the stock market what important international of the tax payments vary, but it is not news failed to do. It succeeded in rous-ing the stock market from its career of sleeping sickness, in which only the ury operations on the 15th involve encounters among professional speculators preserved the continuity of the market. In spite of the failure of the Allies and the Germans to agree on tificates will be made. Indications are reparations at the London conference, that these transactions will be put the reported revolt in Russia and the through with a minimum degree of dis-

most striking feature of the investment market. No signs of improvement appeared last week, and bankers The troubles of the railroads are who are engaged in distribution of ininterwoven with those of industry. The vestment securities saw little indicarecession in trade has decreased the tion of betterment in the near future, colume of freight offered to the roads. although it was considered possible Both the railroads and industry are in that easier money conditions after the the midst of the same process of read- middle of the month might result in justment to after-the-war conditions, a more confident tone. Outstanding It is not surprising, therefore, that issues have suffered from general weakness in the rails was followed by market conditions, railroad honds in heavy selling of the industrials. The particular. Foreign government issues pressure was largely of professional have generally yielded in the face of

> Financial Item The National City Bank of New trustee, has invited tenders for the ing fund of the Hershey Chocalate ration first lien T/2 per cent ten yearing fund gold bonds, offerings to coved until 10 n. n. for-day.

Transactions Last Week in Listed Stocks

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Price Trend of the New York Stock Market



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